

Section 150.06, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**150.06. Management Areas Defined; Closure Periods Defined.**

(a) Cowcod closure areas means both Area 1 and Area 2: Area 1, also termed the western cowcod conservation area adopted as federal groundfish regulations, is an area south of Point Conception bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;  
33°50' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;  
32°20' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;  
32°20' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;  
33°00' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;  
33°00' N. lat., 119°50' W. long.;  
33°30' N. lat., 119°50' W. long.;  
33°30' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;  
33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;

The transit corridor through the cowcod closure Area 1 is bounded on the north by the latitude line at 33°00'30" N. lat., and on the south by the latitude line at 32°59'30" N. lat., and Area 2, also termed the eastern cowcod conservation area adopted as federal groundfish regulations, that is a smaller area west of San Diego bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

32°40' N. lat., 118°00' W. long.;  
32°40' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;  
32°30' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;  
32°30' N. lat., 118°00' W. long.;  
32°40' N. lat., 118°00' W. long.;

~~(b) Rockfish and lingcod management line means a line extending due west magnetic from Point Conception, Santa Barbara County (at 34°27' N. lat.). The northern rockfish and lingcod management area means ocean waters between 40°10' N. lat (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County) and Point Conception, Santa Barbara County. The northern rockfish and lingcod closure means March through June. The southern rockfish and lingcod management area means ocean waters between Point Conception and the U.S.-Mexico border. The southern rockfish and lingcod closure means January through February, and also November through December by regulatory action if needed to meet management harvest goals. Seasonal closures established for commercial rockfish, a subgroup of rockfish, lingcod or California scorpionfish noticed in the Federal Register by the National Marine Fisheries Service shall apply in state waters within the geographic boundary areas defined in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 600 and 660. See also Section 189, Title 14, California Code of Regulations for additional explanation regarding fishing for federal groundfish in state waters.~~

(c) [Within federally defined geographic boundary areas, commercial closure periods for sheephead, cabezon, and greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos shall apply consistent with federal seasonal closures for minor nearshore rockfishes as noticed in the Federal Register by the National Marine Fisheries Service, or defined in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 600 and 660.] or [Statewide commercial

closure periods for sheephead, cabezon, and greenlings of the genus Hexagrammos shall apply consistent with federal seasonal closures for minor nearshore rockfishes as noticed in the Federal Register by the National Marine Fisheries Service, or defined in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 600 and 660, for the geographic area from 40°10' N. lat (near Cape Mendocino, Humboldt County) south to the U.S.-Mexico border.]

(e) (d) The commercial take of cabezon, kelp greenling, and rock greenling is prohibited from Thursday through Sunday, inclusive.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 7071, 7652 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 7652, 8585.5 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code.

Section 150.16, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

**150.16. Commercial Take of Nearshore Fishes.**

~~(a) Cabezon, kelp greenling, and rock greenling shall not be taken commercially in the northern rockfish and lingcod management area during March and April, or in the southern rockfish and lingcod management area during January and February.~~

~~(b) California sheephead shall not be taken commercially north of Point Conception, Santa Barbara County, during March and April, and south of Point Conception during January and February.~~

(e) (a) Notwithstanding Section 8588(b) of the Fish and Game Code, minimum size limits (total length) are as follows:

- (1) black-and-yellow rockfish (*Sebastes chrysomelas*) 10 in.
- (2) cabezon (*Scorpaenichthys marmoratus*) 15 in.
- (3) California scorpionfish or sculpin (*Scorpaena guttata*) 10 in.
- (4) California sheephead (*Semicossyphus pulcher*) 13 in.
- (5) China rockfish (*Sebastes nebulosus*) 12 in.
- (6) gopher rockfish (*Sebastes carnatus*) 10 in.
- (7) grass rockfish (*Sebastes rastrelliger*) 12 in.
- (8) greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* (*Hexagrammos* spp.) 12 in.
- (9) kelp rockfish (*Sebastes atrovirens*) 10 in.

~~(d) (b)~~ Species of nearshore fish stocks for which there is a trip limit, size limit, or optimum yield (OY) must be sorted prior to weighing and the weight reported separately on the Fish and Game receipt.

~~(e) (c)~~ Kelp greenling and rock greenling shall not be taken for commercial purposes off California from September 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, inclusive. This subsection shall be repealed effective January 1, 2002.

~~(f) (d)~~ Cabezon shall not be taken for commercial purposes off California through December 31, 2001, inclusive. This subsection shall be repealed effective January 1, 2002.

~~(g) (e)~~ California sheephead shall not be taken for commercial purposes off California through December 31, 2001, inclusive. This subsection shall be repealed effective January 1, 2002.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 240, 7071, 8587.1 and 8588, Fish and Game Code.  
Reference: Sections 240, 8585.5, 8587.1 and 8588, Fish and Game Code.